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SUBJECT: GOA SHARES U.S. CONCERNS ABOUT COVERT URANIUM
ENRICHMENT FACILITY IN IRAN

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Polchief discussed reftel points October 6 with Ronald Sturm, MFA Unit Chief for IAEA, CTBTO Prep Com and NPT. Sturm said the GOA shares U.S. concerns about the enrichment facility near Qom. He stressed the importance of having the IAEA inspect the facility as soon as possible, and said the GOA is encouraged that the Government of Iran has reportedly agreed to an inspection. He shared Polchief's view that Iran must demonstrate goodwill by following through on both the inspection and the planned transfer of low enriched uranium to Russia for processing.
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